

TELEPHONE CO.'S OFFER.

It Is Prepared To Do If Given
Instead Of Two Year Exclusive Franchise In The City.

Meeting of the civic telephone company this evening the amended Bell Telephone company renewal of its exclusive franchise will come up. At the last company signified its willingness to renew for two years the now existing and on the same conditions. The five-year exclusive franchise of the proposition are to be payment of \$5,000 and the city, business phones \$45,

house phones \$25, for exclusive service. With two parties on one wire the rate would be \$36 for business and \$20 for house connections. The city now gets \$2,500 a year while the rates are \$45 and \$25 respectively for business and residence telephones. Whether the extra \$2,500 and the reduction in rates where two parties are on the same line—an arrangement not now in existence here—will prove of sufficient incentive to justify a five-year extension remains to be seen.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT

Stealing Case
—6 Months
Prison Stealing.

Miller, second-hand dealer on the street, was acquitted today on a charge of stealing a gold watch from a Carleton county man. He had given \$22 watch and \$4 to Mrs. [Name] in exchange for a [Name] which she said was worth [Name] he had subsequently valued at \$250. Mr. [Name] of Wellington street, also charged, but Magistrate [Name] decided that he could not continue the act regarding false pretences having exaggerated value of their goods. Crown [Name] prosecuted, while Mr. [Name] appeared for the defence. [Name] was sent to jail for [Name] on a charge of stealing [Name] and one rooster from Mr. [Name] Rideau terrace. New

[Name] charged with stealing [Name] Bernard Finklestein and [Name] was remanded until [Name].

and Mrs. Derocher were [Name] assaulting Albert Hugg [Name] of Laurier avenue west. [Name] alleged to have attacked him [Name] to collect an account. [Name] was shelved for a day.

ACTION LAWS

Likely That Dominion Franchise Act
Will Come.

A committee appointed to [Name] to the Dominion [Name] heard a lot of technical [Name] morning in relation to [Name] election law. The effect [Name] only was to show the [Name] of reconciling the [Name] the Dominion acts. [Name] to look as if the gov- [Name] have to return to a [Name] House act. Mr. H. W. [Name] acted as counsel for [Name] the party in the "red line" [Name] in Manitoba, was under [Name] during the sitting.

CABINET SHUFFLE

Wick to go to Su-
Court—Ayles-
worth For Job

FAILED TO AGREE

Rival Interests Cannot
Compromise on Lord's
Day Bill.

With the object of making a compromise upon certain clauses of the Sunday bill, representatives of the Lord's Day Alliance and of the transportation interests met in the old railway committee room of the house this morning, but broke up after an hour's discussion without being able to come to an understanding.

Rev. J. G. Shearer and R. A. McPherson, K.C., represented the Alliance. The C. P. R. was represented by D. McNichol, general manager; Charles Drinkwater, secretary, and Mr. Creelman, solicitor. For the Grand Trunk W. H. Biggar, K.C., appeared. Other transportation interests were represented by F. H. Chrysler, K.C., F. Chase Casgrain, F. E. Meredith, Francis King, Robert Reford, Sir Montague Allan, the express companies by Thomas Blair and W. E. Stout and the brotherhood of railwaymen by Harvey Hall.

After some discussion the Alliance representatives stated their willingness to allow express business to be done on Sunday for the convenience of passengers, but the transportation interests declined to accept this as an adequate concession, and so the conference ended.

HIS TILL ROBBED

Cute Lady Worked
Shrewd Game at Bank
Street Store.

Mr. George H. Hopper, grocer, corner of Bank and Nepean streets, is the loser of \$40 as the result of a shrewd game played upon him last evening by a young woman. A few minutes after a customer had paid an account with two \$20 bills, the fair till-tapper entered and asked Mr. Hopper for some goods which he had to go into the rear room to get. When he returned the woman, who was well dressed, had disappeared. The \$40 was also missing. She had evidently tapped the register. Detective Culver is working up the case, but has no trace of the thief. She was a stranger to Mr. Hopper and is alleged to have worked the same scheme of making a living in other parts of the city.

LATE MISS HENDERSON.

Mrs. Jane Sissons, wife of Adam Henderson, of C.P.R., residing at 33 Lorne avenue, died last night after an illness of about a week of pneumonia. Mrs. Henderson was formerly of Quebec city, and had lived in Ottawa for about seven years. She was a member of St. Luke's church, and although for some time in delicate health she had been a regular attend-

ON THE LIBRARY STEPS.



"I want you to remember, as the last words of Andrew Carnegie, that this is the library of the people."

NO BOOKS TILL NEXT WEEK

Arrangements Now in
Hand.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Why the Building Was
Closed Last Night—
Future Hours.

The Carnegie library will be open for inspection this evening. The reference room, which for the present has been combined with the reading room, will be ready for use tomorrow afternoon. The reading room and the newspaper room will be ready for the use of the public within a few days. Magazines and newspapers are already coming in, and by the middle of the week most of the current numbers will be on file.

Books can be had for reference tomorrow afternoon, but will not be given out until about a week. Application blanks may be obtained at the library at any time after 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. These blanks are in the form of cards, printed on both sides. On one side is the form of application, which the borrower signs, in ink. On the reverse side is a form to be signed by any responsible ratepayer of the city, guaranteeing the library from loss or damage. When this card has been filled in, the applicant will be entitled to borrow books from the public library. The library is absolutely free to every resident of Ottawa. As soon as a sufficient number

MAY LOSE LICENSES

Move Being Made in
City.

CHINESE RESTAURANTS

Many Complaints of Dis-
orderly Conduct Cause
Opposition Renewals.

The police authorities are considering withholding licenses from Chinese restaurants, at least certain of them, which have sprung up all over town. For some time there have been complaints respecting these places, it being claimed that some of them are the resort of loose characters and not calculated to advance the morality of the community. Numerous instances have occurred where the police have been summoned to suppress disorders and after leaving such places people often hang around outside till late in the night, making disturbances which are much to the discomfort of the residents. Restaurant and other licenses are renewed on the first of May and at the police station this morning it was stated that cutting of many of the Chinese places is being considered. Several members of the civic finance committee, which is the board of appeal in license matters, back up the proposal.

SUICIDED TODAY

GRAPHIC STORY FROM 'FRISCO

Walter Kenny Tells of
Thrilling Experience.

HOW HE ESCAPED.

Some of the Sights Fol-
lowing Destruction
of City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kenny, Mutchmore street, have received a letter from their son, Mr. Walter Kenny, in San Francisco, giving some interesting details of the recent great calamity. Mr. Kenny is employed on the clerical staff of the Gas and Electric Lighting company, and at the time of writing was in Alameda.

He wrote in part: "I consider myself very well off to have an address, for the majority of people in San Francisco haven't. At 5.15, when the great shock came I leaped out of bed, and clung to the window sill. The house was like a rocking chair. I was on the fourth floor, they were excavating beside the house and were two feet below our foundation. So I expected it to go every second. I saw people running out into the street in their night clothes, but I did not attempt to run through the house. I knew if I did, that I would have no show in the wreckage, so I clung to the window ready to go when the house did—but the house didn't—one of the few that weren't wrecked.

"The feeling with all was, is it ever going to stop? Imagine a house rocking from side to side for 28 seconds. It seemed like 28 days. When the disturbance was over, we hastily went down street. Big buildings lying in the street, south of Market street, in flames, fire chief killed, not a drop of water, all mains burst. Firemen tried pumping sewers without success. Buildings that had collapsed had many inmates pinned down. In most cases they could not be extricated. Some men who could not get out of the buildings were shot so as not to be burned to death. At 1 o'clock at night our place looked as if it would be safe. Then the down section which had been saved was set afire by someone. He was seen coming out of a building with a burning brand. Needless to say, he was shot on the spot, but too late. We packed our clothes and took them out that night to the cemetery, where I slept with the ghosts. We got there at 3 a.m. and slept until 1.30 o'clock. We left our things there and returned and saved quite a lot of stuff from the new hall which went up in flames at 10 o'clock on Thursday. I and three others slept in the cemetery again that night; subsequently we got over to Oakland and slept there. Next day we got back to San Francisco and got our things, but night overtook us and we were unable to get back, no lights or fires being allowed at night.

"When we neared Van Ness avenue, a maniac began shooting. The troops or sentries fired at him and a fusillade of bullets whizzed past us for five minutes. We ducked in an alley to escape them.

"Martial law is do or die, everything is done at the point of a gun.

"A great many have been shot for stealing and looting.

"Some have been left in the street with a card on them, 'Shot for stealing' as a lesson for others.

"There are many terrible sights. No one is allowed to cross the ferries, except by pass. I had an immensity one for gas and electricity; also one from the militia. The one for the gas company was signed by the mayor